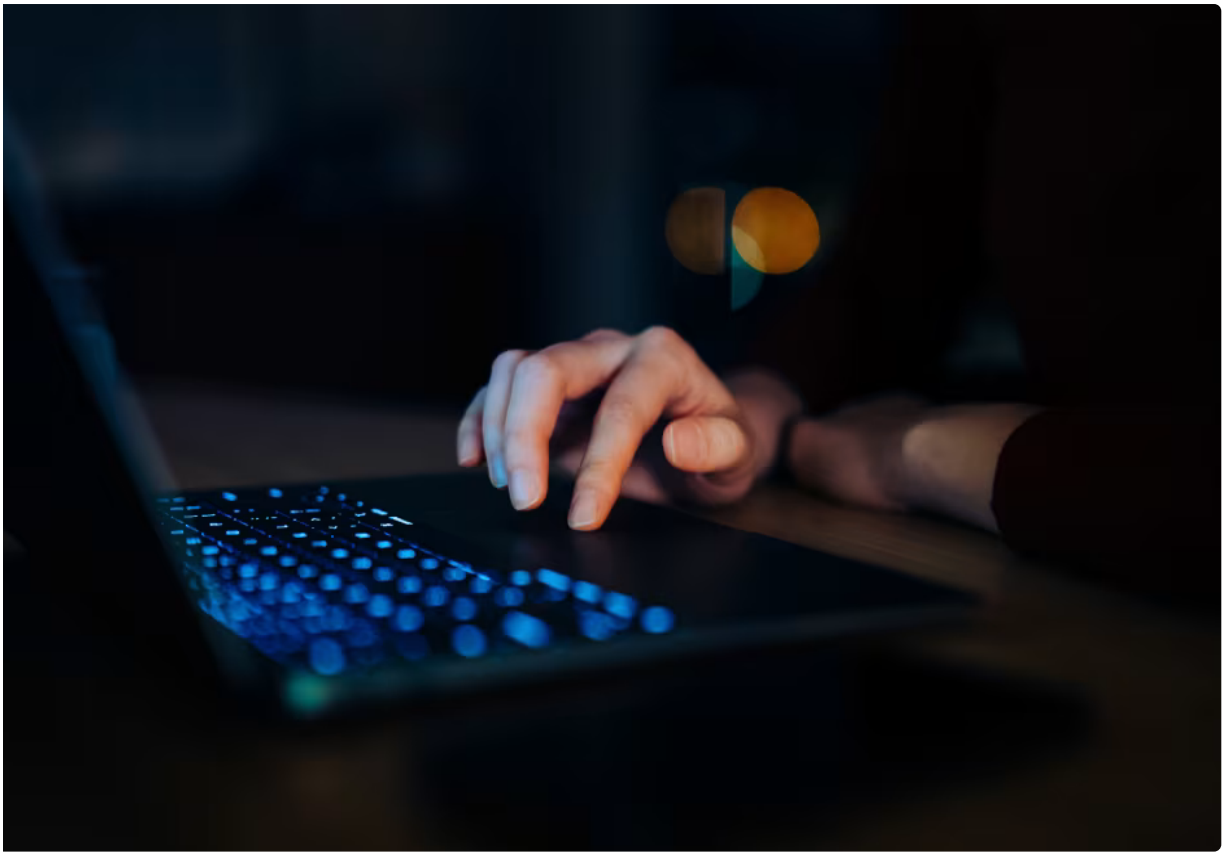

A number of high-profile AI staffers have decided to call it quits, with some explicitly warning that the companies they worked for are moving too fast and downplaying the technology's shortcomings. *(d3sign/Moment RF/Getty Images)*

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New York — "The world is in peril," warned the former head of Anthropic's Safeguards Research team as he headed for the exit. A researcher for OpenAI, similarly on the way out, said that the technology has "a potential for manipulating users in ways we don't have the tools to understand, let alone prevent."

They're part of a wave of artificial intelligence researchers and executives who aren't just leaving their employers — they're loudly ringing the alarm bell on the way out, calling attention to what they see as bright red flags.

While Silicon Valley is known for high turnover, the latest churn comes as market leaders like OpenAI and Anthropic race toward IPOs that could turbocharge their growth while also inviting intense scrutiny of their operations.